

# HAVEN MESSENGER



## HAVEN MISSION STATEMENT

*(adopted 2/26/06 by Haven Church)*

*"To honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ."*

## July 2021

### WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON + FACEBOOK LIVE Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

Worship Service with Communion in person in the church sanctuary

Worship Service LIVE on the Haven Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/Haven-Lutheran-Church-134647913268366> or access by clicking the 'F' icon in the upper right corner of the Haven website [www.havenlc.org](http://www.havenlc.org))



Dear Haven Guests, Friends and Members,

I just filled out an interesting questionnaire. The parts I found most interesting were those that compared "during COVID" and now. There were questions about eating, sleeping, activity and mental health. One question has stuck with me. "What did you miss the most during the COVID restrictions?" I think an important companion question is: "What did you NOT miss during the COVID restrictions?"

We are slowly and cautiously backing out of an extraordinary experience of our lives --- a worldwide pandemic that challenged every part of our lives. We witnessed in "real time" (as it was happening) scientific and medical researchers trying to understand and address an unknown virus and make recommendations for its treatment and containment while the research continued. Guidance changed not because "they" didn't know what they were doing but because the studies and discoveries continued to reveal more and new information that needed to be processed, applied and shared. But I digress.

What did you miss the most about your "normal" way of life and church during the COVID restrictions? What did you NOT miss about your "normal" way of life and church during the COVID restrictions? I think these are worthwhile questions. As much as we talk about "returning to normal," the pandemic has offered us a unique opportunity to consider what it is that is important and not important... what feeds and equips us for "being church" and what does not... what "ways we've always done it" are really meaningful and helpful and which are not... what did the Holy Spirit lead us to learn? As the Lord once spoke, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19)

I pray you consider these questions and include them in your prayers. I hope to discuss them during special July and August adult Sunday School sessions. (The first will be July 11, 10:45 am.) We are a people and church still called to allow the winds and flames of Pentecost to move among and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Who will we become and what will the church become if we don't rush too quickly pass what we can learn from our pandemic experiences? May the light of God's grace, the saving power of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit be our guide, hope and delight.

Your pastor and partner in ministry, Linda M. Alessandri

## COUNCIL

As your Congregational Council has met via Zoom, this has been one of our prayers:

*Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (ELW p. 317)*

Thus, it is, with careful thought and prayer, that beginning on July 1:

- Masks will be optional for those who are vaccinated.
- Haven Lutheran Church will be re-opened to all the different community groups that met at Haven before March 2020.
- Everyone is encouraged to continue to use hand sanitizer available as you enter the church narthex and in the pews.
- Sunday's worship will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook for the sake of our homebound, those who are ill or facing mobility problems AND the many guests who have also been worshipping with us via the livestream. (FYI Did you know an average of 101 persons viewed Haven's worship in May?)

## FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER



We are getting close! There are some finishing touches needed to finish the protection of the outdoor AC/Air filtration ducts and system. The skylights in the narthex will soon be returned. The new steeple was anticipated to be installed the last week of June. To all those who worked to make it happen, we say “Well, done!” and “Thanks!”

We are looking to Sunday, August 1 to celebrate and bless our new roof, steeple and AC/air filtration system with an outdoor and drive up worship service. We want to invite some of the folks back who had a hand in the original construction. We want YOU to invite anyone who has been a friend or member of Haven to be a part of the celebration, too. More information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, put August 1, 9:30 am on your calendar and spread the word.

Have you seen the thermometer in the church lobby area? The original goal was to pay off our \$100,000 loan in five years. We are on our way! As of June 21, \$48,856.40 has been deposited in our roof fund. From the 55 Faith Building Together giving cards received so far, there is a commitment of over \$16,713 a year, with others committing to give as they are able. We are well on our way of retiring this loan in a very timely manner. Many thanks to you all.

**Reminder.** When sending in or dropping off your donations towards this project please use a separate envelope marked Roof/Steeple Project OR a separate check to help the money counters easily keep track of all Roof/Steeple contributions. **IF** you really prefer to use one check, PLEASE write on the memo line the amount that is offering and the amount that is for the roof project. You can also make an electronic donation towards the project directly from your checking account by contacting our Administrative Assistant, Mary to arrange it. Thank you for your prayer filled donations!

## EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY IS ON SUMMER BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8.

**JULY 11 and 25, 10:45 am Gathering Room**

**“THRIVING BEYOND COVID: Let Go, Trust God, Rise Up!”**

Pastor Alessandri will be leading this Adult Sunday School session after Sunday worship. It will be an opportunity to start to get our minds around being church again as we move toward a Post-COVID world. Considering Scripture and our experiences, there is lots to discuss and share. It is also a chance to be together, and get back in the groove of Adult Sunday School and be together. (Yes, I said that twice on purpose.) Come look back so we can look forward



After the July 11<sup>th</sup> session, everyone is invited to go to lunch at Cafe Italia for more fellowship. (Usually it is the first Sunday of the month, but the first Sunday in July will be the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.)

*P.S. If you can't make all the sessions, you will still be able to follow and fully participate in the sessions you can attend. Whether 1, 2, 3 or all sessions --- try it!*

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – meeting **Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** in the Sunday School room. Please use the entrance by the Big Brothers/Big Sisters office. The Women's Bible Study will now meet on the last Thursday of each month to allow time for the teacher to get the curriculum (mail has been slow in receiving the Gather magazine we use for this class) and plan for the meetings each month.

## PARISH LIFE

**HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB** – On **Thursday, July 15, 2:00 pm.**

## WORSHIP



**JULY 4**

**Baptism of Georgia Kline,**  
First Mini-Coffee Fellowship since March 2020

**JULY 18**

**Celebration of Graduates**

**AUGUST 1**

**Blessing of New Roof, Steeple & AC,**  
**Outdoor & Drive-Up Worship**  
Invite Haven "Alumni" & Friends

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BILL PLAVCAN**

Saturday, July 17 11 a.m.  
at Haven Lutheran Church



Postponed due to the pandemic, we will have the opportunity on July 17<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the life of Haven member, Bill Plavcan, express our support for Becky Plavcan and family and find consolation in worship and fellowship. A luncheon will follow at the Emerald Pointe Community Center.

**YOU CAN HELP BRING THE "HAVEN TOUCH" to this Memorial Service for Bill by:**

- offering to be an usher for the service:

- offering to assist with the readings or communion;
- **BAKING & DONATING YOUR FAVORITE COOKIES** – While Becky and family kindly provide the luncheon after worship, HAVEN is providing the dessert – cookies. We would ask that they be brought to the church no later than Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, already in a decorative tin or on a platter for easy transport and display.

It will be a delicious and wonderful gift we can offer Becky, her family and all who mourn the loss of Bill.

### **WORSHIP READINGS**

<b>July 4</b>	Ezekiel 2:1-5, Psalm 123, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13
<b>July 11</b>	Amos 7:7-15, Psalm 85:8-13, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29
<b>July 18</b>	Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
<b>July 25</b>	2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 145:10-18, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

### **SONG LEADER SCHEDULE**

<b>July 4</b>	Nancy Newkirk, Grant Wills
<b>July 11</b>	Charlotte Loveless, Margaret McKee
<b>July 18</b>	Nancy Newkirk, Grant Wills
<b>July 25</b>	Charlotte Loveless, Margaret McKee



### **WORSHIP LEADERS & HELPERS SCHEDULE**

	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>July 4</b>	Danny Kiblinger	Austin Suchy	Bob Snyder, Elaine Michael, Marge Cunningham
<b>July 11</b>	Aura Wiles	Danny Kiblinger	Doug Wright, Dave Resh, Amy Mason
<b>July 18</b>	Terry Trovinger	Maddie Haupt	Susan Stobl, Amy Mason, Doug Wright
<b>July 25</b>	Marge Cunningham	Aura Wiles	Amy Mason, Elaine Michael, Bob Snyder

### **FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS**

<b>July 6</b>	Team 4 – Sue Strobl, Millie Strange, Valerie Wills, Sandy Powell
<b>July 9</b>	Team 3 – Joan Schupp, Kathy Wright, Linda Clark, Kris Fignar

### **THANK YOU NOTES**

#### **Haven members,**

Sincere gratitude for the expressions of love, prayers and support extended to me and my family following the two month long hospital stay and subsequent passing of my husband, Fritz Carbaugh. It was and still is a comfort to me.

**Jean Carbaugh**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **CALLING ALL WHO KNIT OR CROCHET** **WASHCLOTHS FOR WELLNESS SEEKS HELP AND SERVICE**



Washcloths for Wellness would love your help knitting and crocheting washcloths, donating soap, or donating funds for this project. 100% of financial donations is used for supplies of yarn and soap. For every dollar donated, one washcloth and one bar of soap is given to someone in need. Everyone deserves a clean start! WFW is blessed to support local organizations such as Reach, The Salvation Army and The Rescue Mission.

More info: visit the <https://washclothsforwellness.com/> or contact Denise Kelly at [denise@washclothsforwellness.com](mailto:denise@washclothsforwellness.com) / 240-291-2977.

### **COLLECT BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S LITERACY - COMMUNITY BOOK DRIVE!**



We are once again collecting books for children's literacy efforts through the 9th Annual Community Book Drive, and we need your help! This is a community-wide effort to collect new and used books for children ages birth to eleven. Books will be collected by businesses, communities of faith, individuals, government and non-profit agencies August 1 - September 13, then sorted and counted on the Day of Caring

September 16. Books will then be distributed to vulnerable children throughout Washington County to help with literacy and school readiness efforts. Collecting books is FUN and EASY. If your church, faith community, organization or business would like to help with this effort, contact Kathy at [director@harccoalition.org](mailto:director@harccoalition.org) or 301-842-4272. The Community Book Drive is a partnership of the Hagerstown Area Religious Council, United Way of Washington County, The Hagerstown Rotary Club, and Bester Community of Hope. Learn more on the [HARC website](#).

# **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Look who's celebrating special days this month!!!



## **BIRTHDAYS**

Betty Getz	07/01
Todd Faith	07/02
Larry Hartsock	07/02
Terry Trovinger	07/05
Robert Webb	07/08
Charlotte Loveless	07/09
Jackie Webb	07/12
June Hess	07/18
Grant Wills	07/19
Irene Giffin	07/20
Veronica Bergschneider	07/22
Mary Fortson	07/24
Austin Suchy	07/25
Georgetta Kauffman	07/28
Adam Tice	07/29
Korben Defriece	07/31
Pat Manspeaker	07/31

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Sandy & Bob Powell	07/03
Dick & Pat Manspeaker	07/04
Larry & Sharon Hartsock	07/05
Jim & Jamie Cannon	07/07
Eric & Stephanie Meredith	07/08
Dave & Sue Resh	07/14

## **BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

Maura Haupt	07/01
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# July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:00 BBBS Big/Little Act. Nights 6:30 Coda	2 5:30 AFG	3
4 ( <i>Noisy/Hunger offering</i> ) <b>Independence Day</b> 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook Baptism of Georgia Kline	5 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6:30 Boy Scout #103	6 1:00 AFG 6:30 Lioness	7 6:30 Cub Scout #103	8 5:00 BBBS Board Committee Mtg. 6:30 Coda	9 5:30 AFG	10
11 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook 10:45 Adult Study w/Pastor Alessandri "Thriving Beyond COVID"	12 6:30 Boy Scout #103	13 1:00 AFG	14 6:30 Cub Scout #103	15 2:00 Book Club 5:00 BBBS Big/Little Act. Nights 6:30 CoDa	16 5:30 AFG	17 11:00 am Memorial Service in honor of Dr. Bill Plavcan
18 ( <i>Holly Place offering</i> ) 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook Celebration of Haven's Graduates!	19 6:30 Boy Scout #103 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Council Meeting	20 1:00 AFG	21 6:30 Cub Scout #103	22 6:30 CoDa	23 5:30 AFG	24 9 am–12 noon Haven Weeding Party (Come when you can. Anytime you can give is appreciated.)
25 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook 10:45 Adult Study w/Pastor Alessandri "Thriving Beyond COVID"	26 6:30 Boy Scout #103	27 1:00 AFG	28 6:30 Cub Scout #103 6:30 BBBS Board Mtg.	29 10:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 CoDa	30 5:30 AFG	31 HEADS UP <b>Aug. 1, 9:30</b> Outdoor & Drive-up Service, Blessing & Celebration of new Roof, Steeple & AC

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